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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 5, with the following:

Government Funding

Work described herein was supported, at least in part, under grant _____
AI/AG 37833 awarded by the National Institutes of Health. The U.S. government
therefore may have certain rights in this invention.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 10, with the following:

Related Applications

This application is a ~~continuation-in-part~~ divisional of U.S. Serial No. 09/030,579,
filed February 24, 1998, now issued as U.S. Patent 6,274,338B1, ~~pending~~, the entire
contents of which are expressly incorporated herein by reference.